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The Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Re: *Ex Parte Presentation – CS Docket Nos. 98-120, 00-2 and 00-96*

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, NBC Universal, Inc. ("NBC") submits this letter to report that, on December 16, 2004, Robert Okun, Lawrence Sidman and Bill LeBeau, each an officer or representative of NBC Telemundo License Co. (collectively, the "NBC Station Representatives"), met with Media Bureau Chief Kenneth Ferree, Bureau Chief of Staff Deborah Klein, Deputy Bureau Chief William Johnson and Associate Bureau Chief Rick Chessen.

The parties discussed issues relating to the Media Bureau's proposal to terminate analog U.S. television service and to define future mandatory cable carriage of free, over the air local television signals (the "Bureau Proposal"). As a threshold matter, the parties pondered to what extent these and other issues, including the provision of governmental support to consumers for completing the digital transition, are likely to be addressed under congressional authority. The parties deliberated the relative length of time required for consumers to transition to digital television post-analog termination, in light of Comcast's recent report that nearly 40 percent of their subscribers have already adopted digital cable. The parties further analyzed the effects of the Bureau Proposal on consumers, with a focus on whether and to what extent the Proposal (combined with any congressional action) will hold consumers, including cable consumers, harmless from the government-mandated termination of analog broadcasts, especially during the transition period following analog termination. In these discussions, the NBC Station Representatives concluded that the digital transition was not just about freeing spectrum for possible auction, but that congressional intent and the public interest favored a smooth and true transition to digital television for all consumers, including rural and minority consumers, and the preservation of the free, over the air television broadcast system.

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An original and one copy of this *ex parte* letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office as required by Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules. Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this *ex parte* letter.

Very truly yours,



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NBC Telemundo License Co.

cc: W. Kenneth Ferree, Media Bureau Chief  
Deborah Klein, Bureau Chief of Staff  
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